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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)  
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor • Los Angeles CA 90005-4001**

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**APPROVED**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday, March 1, 2007

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

St. Anne's Maternity Home - Foundation Conference Room  
155 N. Occidental Blvd.- Los Angeles, CA 90026

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cesar Cuadra	Trevor Daniels
Michael Green	Philip Hendricks
Jeffrey King*	Lee Kochems
Miguel Martinez	Jorge Montoya
Ricki Rosales	Sophia Rumanes
Terry Smith	Enrique Topete
Kathy Watt	Tim Young

**ABSENT**

Kafi Battersby  
Scott Campbell  
Daniel Deniz  
David Giugni  
Mario Gonzalez  
Vicky Ortega  
Daniel Rivas\*\*

\* Denotes present at one (1) of the roll calls

\*\* Denotes not present at roll calls

**OAPP STAFF PRESENT**

Elizabeth Escobedo	Erin Kandel	John Mesta	Pamela Ogata
David Pieribone			

**PPC MEETING**

**I. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken at 12:14 PM and a quorum was present.

**II. COLLOQUIA PRESENTATION – “HIV-Related Sexual Risk Behaviors of Latino Day Laborers”**

Ky Coussey, CHIPTS, introduced Dr. Frank Galvan, Charles R. Drew, University of Medicine Science and Victor Martinez, Regional Director, Metro Area, Bienestar Human Services and provided some background on the presenters. As HIV continues to spread among various communities, it is important to assess the HIV-related risk factors of specific populations. One understudied group is the population of Latino male immigrant day laborers. Limited information is available on the extent to which they may be engaging in behaviors that place them at risk for HIV and the factors associated with those behaviors. For example, some information suggests that some day laborers are initially hired for paid labor by other men and then solicited for sexual activities by these men. In addition, some day laborers report engaging in unsafe sex with female prostitutes. This presentation included interviews conducted with 450 Latino day laborers on the extent of their participation in these activities and the factors associated with high-risk sexual behaviors among these men.

Attached is a copy of the Power Point presentation titled, “HIV-related Sexual Risk Behaviors of Latino Day Laborers”.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

### **III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

The DRAFT March 1, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

<b>MOTION #1:</b> Approve the March 1, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda.	<i>Passed by consensus with no corrections.</i>	<b>MOTION PASSED</b>
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### **IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY**

The DRAFT February 1, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee Meeting Summary was reviewed and approved by consensus.

<b>MOTION #2:</b> Approve February 1, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Summary	<i>Passed by Consensus with no corrections.</i>	<b>MOTION PASSED</b>
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### **V. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIRS REPORT**

Sophia Rumanes provided an update on the visit by Dr. Kevin Fenton, CDC Director of National Center for HIV, TB, STD and Hepatitis Branch on February 8<sup>th</sup> and February 9<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Fenton shared that his visit to Los Angeles County was very stimulating and complex. Kathy Watt and Jeffrey King shared some dialogue/discussion they had with Dr. Fenton. Additionally, Ms. Rumanes thanked John Mesta for organizing the visit.

Sophia Rumanes additionally shared that the CDC has released their publication of Best Evidence Interventions (EBIs) which is included in the meeting packets (yellow, salmon, gray, cherry and celery colored documents). This documentation reflects how interventions come to the forefront of the CDC. Ms. Rumanes briefly described the CDC’s process of how an intervention can become part of the DEBI program. First, an exhaustive literature search is performed (if something is not published – it does not meet the literature criteria) and in order to have literature published (some type of funded research study must be performed). Based on the CDC’s process, “home grown” must be published to be eligible to become part of the DEBI program. It was announced the CHPG including UARP individuals will be meeting in Burbank, CA on March 27, 2007 through March 29, 2007 and this may be an opportunity to begin a dialogue to pair effective home grown interventions with researchers. Tim Young encouraged individuals to come to the CHPG meeting and participate in the Public Comment agenda item (Day 3 – March 29<sup>th</sup>). It was suggested to email out the CHPG meeting date to the PPC mailing list.

Michael Green shared in early February, 2007 the CDC released a series of funding announcements: CDC RFA PS-07-004 “Adopting and Demonstrating the Adaptation of Prevention Techniques for Persons at Highest Risk of Acquiring or Transmitting Human Immunodeficiency Virus”, CDC RFA PS-07-002 “HIV/AIDS Risk Reduction Interventions for Heterosexually Active African American Men, CDC RFA PS-07-003 “Minority HIV/AIDS Research Initiative to Build Capacity in Black and Hispanic Communities and Among Black

and Hispanic Researchers to Conduct HIV/AIDS Epidemiologic and Prevention Research, and CDC RFA PS-07-005 “Rapid HIV Testing in Community Health Settings Serving African Americans”. For additional information about these funding opportunities, please see Dr. Green after the meeting or at the break. Additionally, Sophia Rumanes shared there are some grants that the health department can not apply which are specific for community service organizations; however, OAPP does whatever it can to support any prevention funding that can come into Los Angeles County.

Sophia Rumanes shared OAPP is attempting to update the mobile testing unit fleet and four were identified as requiring replacement. OAPP has received three and will be receiving another one next week. Currently, Los Angeles County has nine mobile testing unit programs.

## VI. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Terry Smith shared the PPC Executive Subcommittee will be scheduling a meeting with the PPC Subcommittee Chairs to coordinate activities relating to the development of the Prevention Plan (components of subcommittee work plans).

Terry Smith shared the Annual Planning Review (APR) meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2007 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM at OAPP in Conference Room A. Kathy Watt shared the review process with the group. John Mesta added the CDC does not require community planning groups (PPC) to review the APR; however, it is the practice locally for the PPC to review the APR.

Terry Smith placed motion # 3 on the floor and Ricki Rosales seconded the motion.

### Motion #3:

The PPC authorizes those members who are present and participate in the Annual Progress Report (APR) review meeting to represent the full body of the PPC in voting for concurrence/concurrence with reservation/nonconcurrence for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention APR.

<b>MOTION #3:</b> The PPC authorizes members who attend and participate in the Annual Progress Report (APR) review meeting to represent the full body of the PPC in the review and approval of the APR for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	<b>MOTION PASSED</b>
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## VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Herbie Taylor, The Life Group LA, announced The Life Group LA Committee on HIV & Aging is hosting an event on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Flyers are on the back table. Information can be obtained at [www.TheLifeGroupLA.org](http://www.TheLifeGroupLA.org).
- Manny Padua, APAIT, invited everyone to the Act Now Against Meth Coalition Meeting scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at 520 S. Virgil Avenue, Los Angeles. Additional information can be obtained at [www.actnowagainstmeth.org](http://www.actnowagainstmeth.org).

- Jill Rotenberg, JWCH, announced the next monthly SPA 4 SPN Meeting and Provider Forum is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> at JWCH. Flyers are on the back table.
- Elton Naswood, APLA, shared the Red Circle Project is the only HIV Prevention Program for the Native American Community and announced several events around the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Native American AIDS Awareness Day (March 21<sup>st</sup>). Flyers and posters are on the back table.
- Juli-Ann Carlos, HIV Epidemiology Program, announced her support for the 1st Annual Native American AIDS Awareness Day and will be presenting data from the Project Native Voices Project at the seminar on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Darrin Aiken, APLA, acknowledged his support for March 21, 2007 as Native American AIDS Awareness Day and encouraged all to participate in the activities.
- Julian Hernandez, APLA, acknowledged his support for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Native American AIDS Awareness Day and encouraged all to participate in the activities. Additionally, Mr. Hernandez encouraged all to participate in Alianza in June, 2007. Alianza workshop applications and abstracts can be given to Mr. Hernandez. The Alianza website is [www.alianzala.net](http://www.alianzala.net). John Mesta announced the ALIANZA Proposal Submission forms can be found on the back table.
- Mark Parra, LAC Department of Mental Health, shared some statistics on Native American and encouraged everyone to support the activities related to the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Native American AIDS Awareness Day.
- Jeffrey King, Acting Chair of the South Los Angeles (SOLA) Crystal Meth Task Force, shared the group was formed to address the growing issue of Crystal Meth in the African American MSM community and the overall African American community. The group has met on three occasions and developed literature, billboard on Crenshaw Blvd, and an information number. A survey instrument is being developed to be administered in the South Los Angeles area. The State of California has allocated \$10 million to Alcohol and Drug Program Administration (ADPA) to develop Crystal Meth social marketing campaigns; however, African American MSM and African American Women at Risk were omitted in the RFP. Lastly, Mr. King encouraged the PPC to open dialogue between the Crystal Meth Task Force and African MSM Task Force.
- Ray Fernandez, APLA, read an except on the state of Native Americans in the U.S. and acknowledged his support for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Native American AIDS Awareness Day and encouraged all to participate in the activities.
- Tyren, United American Indian Involvement, Inc., announced his support for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Native American AIDS Awareness Day and announced some of the programs offered at United American Indian Involvement. Flyers/brochures are available on the back table.
- Joanne Granai, AV Hope Foundation, SPA 1 SPN Coordinator, shared SPA 1 has a diverse population; however, trials, studies and research continue to ignore the SPA 1 population. Additionally, while SPA 1 may be geographically set apart from the rest of SPAs, the outcomes of these studies, reports, etc. impact SPA 1 just like everyone else. SPA 1 should be given the opportunity to be reflected in the data and representatives from SPA 1 are present and request to be counted.
- Roberto Barahona, United American Indian Involvement, announced the HIV contract with OAPP was not renewed and shared the need for collaborative work with the American Indian community. Additionally, Mr. Barahona announced his support for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Native American AIDS Awareness Day and invited and encouraged all to participate in the activities.

- Rev. Russell Thornhill, Minority AIDS Project, shared The Palms Residential Care and The Wall Las Memorias have been chairing the Faith Based Prevention Initiative in partnership with Baum and Curry. As a result of Baum and Curry stepping away from the contract, it was estimated that approximately \$150,000 will be available. The collective voice of the Community Advisory Board (CAB) encourages the PPC to support their request for this money to be allocated to the CAB so that the organizations who are doing the work can continue to do the work and have greater funding in doing the work.
- Rev. Russell Thornhill, Minority AIDS Project, shared he hears the message being carried regarding the Native American population and will carry the message back to the Minority AIDS Project and the Unity Fellowship Church and ask individuals to come out and support the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Native American AIDS Awareness Day.
- Jeffrey King, for clarification asked, “Was the last Public Comment a recommendation to the PPC to be acted upon?” Response from Russell Thornhill is yes, the request is being made to the PPC and will be presented to the Director of OAPP.
- Jane Nachazel, COH, announced the next Commission on HIV (COH) meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at St. Anne’s. Additionally, Ms. Nachazel announced there will be training on priorities and allocations targeting providers and the COH is seeking Native Americans and Latinos and the COH remains in its recruitment process.
- Vincent Heckard, UCLA, announced a self administered anonymous study is being conducted on HIV positive individuals and stigma. The researchers are seeking about 75 to 100 HIV positive women to complete the survey. Flyers are on the back table.

## VIII. BREAK

## IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Operations – Tim Young placed a motion on the floor to approve Wendy Garland as HIV/Epidemiology Representative on the PPC. The motion was seconded by Jorge Montoya. A roll call vote was taken.

<b>MOTION #4:</b> Approve Wendy Garland as HIV/Epidemiology Representative on the PPC	<b>Ayes:</b> Cuadra, Daniels, Green, Hendricks, Kochems, Martinez, Montoya, Rivas, Rosales, Rumanes, Smith, Topete, Watt, Young <b>Opposed:</b> None <b>Abstentions:</b> None	<b>MOTION PASSED</b> <b>Ayes:</b> 14 <b>Opposed:</b> 0 <b>Abstentions:</b> 0
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Tim Young announced Enrique Topete has been selected as Operations Subcommittee Deputy Chair. Tim Young shared the Operations Subcommittee has completed the evaluation of the PPC Annual Planning Meeting.

- Evaluation – Miguel Martinez reported the Evaluation Subcommittee met on Monday, February 26, 2007 and the Evaluation Subcommittee Ad Hoc Group continues to work on the joint community needs assessment (LACHNA) process. The next Evaluation Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM at OAPP and the committee intends to review the EPI Profile. Lee Kochems shared the prevention side draft needs assessment has been revised at least three times and has been forwarded to the PPC Executive Subcommittee.
- Standards & Best Practices – Phil Hendricks reported Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee continue to seek out interventions from researchers/providers throughout the

country with a final due date of March 15<sup>th</sup>. Agencies/Community Based Organizations with locally developed interventions are encouraged to forward information to Phil Hendricks. In preparation for the development of the next Prevention Plan, Standards & Best Practices have drafted a Focus Group Plan which would include approximately twenty-three (23) focus groups for providers working with various target populations. The next Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee is scheduled for Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM at OAPP.

- HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT) Work Group – Daniel Rivas shared the HCT Work Group is a subcommittee of Standards & Best Practices. Mr. Rivas shared the HCT Work Group has reviewed some presentations by OAPP on the implications from the newly recommended CDC Guidelines for Testing in Medical Settings and are reviewing the UCHAPS position and recommendations on the newly recommended CDC Guidelines for Testing in Medical Settings. The HCT Work Group intends to develop a set of recommendations to address local counseling and testing issues and to forward to the Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee. The next HCT Work Group Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at OAPP.
- Public Policy Committee – Daniel Rivas shared the Public Policy Committee met in January, 2007 and a conference call previously scheduled for the week of February 19<sup>th</sup> was rescheduled. It appears the legislative focus is on prison testing/incarcerated populations. The next Public Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at OAPP.

## **X. STANDING REPORTS**

- UCHAPS – Ricki Rosales shared the Urban Coalition for HIV AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS) representing the eight highest impacted jurisdictions in the United States met in Miami over the weekend (February 23- February 25, 2007). The meeting consisted of:
  - 1) a presentation on geo-mapping from Los Angeles, New York and Philadelphia,
  - 2) a welcome and overview of Miami, Florida's prevention efforts,
  - 3) reviewed and approved
    - a) the HIV Counseling and Testing position paper
    - b) the national HIV data set
  - 4) met with CDC representatives and discussed common topics:
    - a) PCRS
    - b) Testing Technology
    - c) Coordinating in partnership
    - d) The group learned about a guidance/call to action regarding African Americans
  - 5) work on a UCHAPS Strategic Plan for the next three years and the topics are:
    - a) involving members of UCHAPS participating with the CDC in National Work Groups
    - b) developing an HIV Prevention Agenda, advocating with Congress and the Executive Branch for the HIV Prevention Agenda
    - c) developing White Papers or Policy Papers
    - d) developing presentations for prevention conferences.
- Commission on HIV (COH) – Kathy Watt shared as a result of changes to the Ryan White Program, 22 EMAs and 34 Transitional (TGAs) have been funded. The COH Priorities and Planning Committee have planned for funding scenarios of flat funding, 5% cut and up to a

10% cut and how that would impact services. There is a training after the March 8<sup>th</sup> COH Meeting to do a focus forum for each of the service provider networks. The COH Finance Committee no longer exists and has been collapsed into the Priorities and Planning Committee. Ms. Watt invited and encouraged all to attend the next COH meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

- City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office – Ricki Rosales shared this year's contract renewals are being finalized and the funding allocations are being finalized for those contractors. The AIDS Coordinators Office continues to meet with counsel offices to discuss how they can be more active in the work of the AIDS Coordinators Office. A meeting is being planned with the Mayor's Office and the new Superintendent of Schools to determine how to best/better collaborate with the LAUSD HIV Office to enhance prevention in the schools.
- City of West Hollywood – No Report
- City of Long Beach – Lee Kochems provided the update which included that the contractor is finishing the City of Long Beach SPA 8 Prevention & Care Assessment. The SPA 8 Meeting on Priority Setting & Allocation will occur on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM. On March 1, 2007 new contracts begin between the City of Long Beach and collaboration with community based organizations to provide HIV activities to communities of color. On February 6, 2007 the Long Beach HIV Planning Group in association with the SPN and the City of Long Beach and other providers completed the annual State of AIDS presentation to the Mayor and other City Council members.
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Program – Jorge Montoya provided an update on the Social Marketing Campaign being developed by the STD Program for women of color and MSM in SPA 4 and SPA 6, two community advisory group meetings for MSM have been conducted. The women of color community advisory groups have met five times with strong representation for African American Women. Mr. Montoya encouraged Latina women to participate in the women of color advisory group meetings. The discussion guides for the Focus Groups are being developed. The STD Programs Social Marketing Campaign Plan will be voted on at the March 6th Board of Supervisors meeting.

The STD Program identified some roll over funds and asked the CDC if some of these funds can be used to develop an interactive behavior risk reduction intervention on-line targeting MSM. This item will be discussed at the next MSM Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting. The CDC has not responded to the request to use roll over funds.

Mr. Montoya shared he is attempting to schedule the preliminary findings of "The primary HIV Infection Study" as a Colloquia Presentation for the PPC.

## **XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Kathy Watt requested each SPN Coordinator present to announce their SPA meetings. SPA 1 – March 11<sup>th</sup>; SPA 7 – March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 500 Citadel Drive, Suite 490; SPA 5 – April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Common Ground; SPA 8 – March 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Miller Family Health Education Center.
- Jeffrey King announced In the Meantime has set up an on-line profile with Adam for Adam.com.
- Jorge Montoya announced STD Programs has established a profile with outreach with Man Hunt.com.

- Enrique Topete announced The Wall Las Memorias on March 10<sup>th</sup> is making a visit to the Tijuana AIDS Hospice. Donations are being solicited, contact Enrique Topete.
- Phil Hendricks announced APLA has launched an interactive Crystal Meth web page (Tweekends.org).

## **XII. CLOSING ROLL CALL**

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM.

**Note:** All agenda items are subject to action.

<b>MOTION AND VOTING SUMMARY</b>		
<b>MOTION: #1:</b> Approve March 1, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda.	<i>Passed by consensus</i>	<b>Motion Passed</b>
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**NOTE:** All HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting summaries, tapes and documents are available for review and inspection at the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) located at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. To make an appointment to review these documents, please call Cheryl Williams at (213) 351-8126.